

DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

MEETING AGENDA MAY 17, 2017

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED: McMullen, Newman, Newstadt

REMINDER TO SILENCE / TURN OFF ELECTRONIC DEVICES:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

HOST REMARKS:

Carol Timmons, Maj Gen, Adjutant General, Delaware National Guard

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

AGENCY REMARKS:

Bob Callahan, Interim Director and Kimberly Butler, Interim Associate Director of Operations, Wilmington VAMC

Bill Peterson, Administrator, DVH

- Unavailable to attend

Jessica Finan, Executive Director, Home of the Brave Dave Rich, Director, Veterans Employment and Training

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kim Petters, Women Veteran Collective

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BEAR CEMETERY (Armbruster)

Interments – 68

POW/MIA Chair of Honor – Saturday, 20 May / 1000

MILLSBORO CEMETERY (Bradley)

Interments – 35

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (Sarg)

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS (McMullen)

COMMEMORATIVE AFFAIRS (Hampton)

Memorial Day event dates

- Bear Cemetery: Saturday, 27 May / 1030

- Bridge: Tuesday, 30 May / 1030

Flag Day event date

- Millsboro Cemetery: Wednesday, 14 June / 1000

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)

American Legion (AL)

American Veterans (AMVETS)

Delaware Veterans (DELVETS)

Disabled American Veterans (DAV)

Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA)

Marine Corps League (MCL)

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

Military Order of World Wars (MOWW)

Veterans of Foreign War (VFW)

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA)

At Large (Newstadt, Showell, Hampton)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

DVTF Previous Month: Applications 7; Granted 6 (85.7%); Awarded \$7168.09;

Balance - \$49,407.00

Commissioner Coons Chapel Service - Friday, 19 May / 1400 Bear Cemetery

Commissioner Coons Celebration of Life - Saturday, 20 May / 1500, Delaware Airpark, 127 Durham Lane, Cheswold De (off route 42)

Commissioner Coons Donations – Dr. Daniel Coons Endowed Scholarship, mail to Dr. Daniel Coons Endowed Scholarship/Delaware State University Foundation, 1200 N. DuPont Highway, Dover DE 19901

Veteran Student Representative Meeting Tuesday, 23 May / 1230 DCVA Conference Room Kent County Veteran Service Officer resigned. Due to hiring freeze unable to advertise until after 1 July

Bear Cemetery Conservation Tech retired. Due to hiring freeze unable to advertise until after 1 July

New Castle County Veteran Service Officer works at the Wilmington VA Benefits Office site on Wednesdays

Executive Director will be absent for June's meeting, providing commencement remarks at former school

Introduce Toni Bush Neal, Relationship Manager, Veteran Experience Team (DE, PA, S. NJ)

TERM EXPIRATIONS:

Armbruster 14 June

Farley 14 June

Sarg – 14 June

Seppala 14 June

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

May Meeting with Lt Gen Timmons, DNG (CLOSED)

- 16 May / 1000 meeting will convene at DNG Headquarters

August Meeting at American Veterans' Post 22 (OPEN)

- Awaiting date confirmation from Commissioner Bradley

World War I Memorial (OPEN)

- Projected November dedication

NEW BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR THE GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE ORGANIZATION

NEXT MEETING: 20 June 2017 / 1000 / Delaware Commission of Veterans Affairs

PURSUANT TO 29 DEL. § 10004(b), THE DELAWARE COMMISSION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS MAY MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS WHICH MAY ARISE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC BODY'S MEETING IN ACCORDANCE WITH 29 DEL., § 10004(c)(2).